

Study Guide

For the Week of May 31, 2009

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday—Memorization passage. This is a foundational passage for the message series. If you've not committed it to memory, work on doing so now. ***“Those who conceal their sins do not prosper, but those who confess and renounce them find mercy” (Proverbs 28:13, TNIV).*** How does this passage relate to shame and the sources of shame in our lives?

Tuesday—**Read Genesis 2:25 to 3:10** in the Old Testament. This story at the beginning of the Bible is a good way of looking at the effects of shame. What kind of life did Adam and Eve have? Why were they tempted? What was the result? What about you...how are you tempted? What happens when temptations turns into an action that causes you shame? How do you try to hide?

Wednesday—Today we will read about Judas and how he betrayed Jesus and what he chose to do when it came out into the light. **Read Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50 and 27:3-5** in the New Testament. What do you think Judas was trying to do in betraying Jesus? What was his motive? When Judas sees what has happened to Jesus as a result of his actions what do think is going through his mind? Judas could have sought forgiveness but didn't. What might get in the way of you seeking forgiveness? Why is it so dangerous to not seek forgiveness?

Thursday—Today we will read about Peter's denial of Jesus and how he chose a very different path from Judas. **Read 1 Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75 and John 21:1-17** in the New Testament. Why do you think Peter went from proclaiming his loyalty to Jesus, to abandoning and denying him so quickly? What might have caused Peter to take the route of forgiveness instead of the route that Judas took? How might you do the same if you are experiencing shame?

Friday—Today we look at scriptures that help us deal with shame. **Read Job 11:13-17** in the Old Testament. Note the hope, the light, the joy in here. How does this relate to you and your story? **Read Romans 8:28** in the New Testament. This is some awesome news! God can take the bad things in our lives and make something good come from them. How does this relate to shame in your life? How does it relate to new beginnings?

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Cyle Haywood
Ryan Grindstaff

Military:

Jesse Smith
Nathan Lawellin
Matthew Peak
Stephen Leadbetter
Richard Hurst
James Lesmeister
Jon Arnold
Jason Lewis
Joshua Walker

Health & Healing:

Payton Mitts
Vivian Harper
Albert Hopkins
Bob Hicks

Cancer Treatment:

Sonja Davidson
Tony Allen
Joyce Pace
Sharon Pittman
Rose Hymer

Grieving:

The family of **Judith Cartwright**

Other Concerns:

Terry Hoagland
Barry & Felicity Roland
Dustin Morgan
Stefan Easter
Debbie Johnson
Freddie & Jim McGee